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SUBJ: MALAYSIAN REACTION TO SHOWA MARU GROUNDING

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1. MALAYSIAN PRESS HAS GIVEN SHOWA MARU GROUNDING AND LARGE SPILLAGE OF OIL IN MALACCA STRAIT OFF SINGAPORE JAN 6 FRONT PAGE ATTENTION. GOM HAS ISSUED BULLETIN STATING IT VIEWS INCIDENT AND "EXISTING CONGESTION IN THE STRAITS WITH GRAVE CONCERN, AND HAS ALREADY STARTED WORK ON AN OVERALL CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR THE STRAITS OF MELAKA."

2. IN AN EDITORIAL TODAY, KL "NEW STRAITS TIMES" (NST) ASKS "WHAT MORE WARNING MUST THERE BE BEFORE SUPER-TANKERS ARE BANNED FROM THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND NAVIGATION RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED? THE RESULTS OF THE THIRD JOINT SURVEY (OF THE STRAIT BY MALAYSIA, INDONESIA AND JAPAN (SEE REF AIRGRAM)

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REINFORCE EARLIER SURVEYS WHICH DISCLOSED CHANGING CONDITIONS

AND SHIFTING SHOALS WHICH (HAVE) ADDED TO DANGERS ALREADY KNOWN. THE JAPANESE GOVT HAS EXPRESSED THE FEAR THAT THE MISHAP MAY LEAD TO DEFINITE RESTRICTIONS ON PASSAGE OF THE STRAITS. IT IS A FEAR WHICH IS WELL GROUNDED, RESTRICTIONS WHICH WILL NOT BE LIMITED TO THE SIZE OF THE TANKAVS AND EAST AND WEST TRAFFIC LANES." THE SHOWA MARU "WOULD NOT HAVE REQUIRED A PILOT, NOT INTENDING TO CALL AT SINGAPORE, BUT THE PILOTING OF LARGE LADEN TANKERS THROUGH THE SINGAPORE STRAITS AND INDEED FROM THE TIME THEY ENTER THE MALACCA STRAIT BECOMES A MATTER FOR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION."

3. COMMENT: MALAYSIA HAS JUSTIFIED ITS JOINT CLAIM WITH INDONESIA THAT THE NARROW PORTIONS OF THE MALACCA STRAIT REPRESENT TERRITORIAL WATERS ON THE GROUNDS THAT STRICT CONTROLS ARE NECESSARY ON SHIPPING BECAUSE OF EXTREME HAZARD OF MARINE AND COASTAL POLLUTION SHOULD ACCIDENTS OCCUR.

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